

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 11 AUGUST 1993

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REFNO: 1170-0-01 (ACCNO 5272) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: BUCHER, BERNARD LUDWIG Date Status assigned: 12 May 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	000558354	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	28 Feb 1922	Weight	183 lb / 82.9 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	ILLINOIS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly):
Mission District: PHUOC SON
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Local Analysis: Near populated area.

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REFNO: 1170-0-02 (ACCNO 5460) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: HEPLER, FRANK MONROE Date Status assigned: 12 May 1968

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Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	E5	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	013627556	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	11 Jun 1938	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	CREWMAN
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Name: MCELROY, JOHN LEE Date Status assigned: 16 May 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	#
Serial No	000065366	Height	68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	29 May 1932	Weight	165 lb / 74.7 kg	Duty pos	NAVIGATOR
Home State	KENTUCKY	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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REFNO: 1170-0-04 (ACCNO 5605) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: MORELAND, STEPHAN CRAIG Date Status assigned: 16 May 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	02	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	#
Serial No	003157714	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	16 Feb 1943	Weight	194 lb / 87.9 kg	Duty pos	COPILLOT
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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REFNO: 1170-0-06 (ACCNO 6629) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: LONG, GEORGE WENDELL Date Status assigned: 16 May 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	016956169	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	30 Sep 1948	Weight	155 lb / 70.2 kg	Duty pos	LOADMASTR
Home State	KANSAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 1 Feb 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	#
Grade	O3	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	5329247	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	DATA	Weight	175 lb / 79.3 kg	Duty pos	PASSENGER
Home State	ILLINOIS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

28 August 1975

ON 12 MAY 1968 MAJ BERNARD L. BUCHER, PILOT, SSGT FRANK M. HELPER, FLIGHT ENGINEER, MAJ JOHN L. MCELROY, NAVIGATOR, 1LT STEPHEN C. MORELAND, CO-PILOT, A2C GEORGE W. LONG, LOADMASTER, NAME, PASSENGER, AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS WERE ABOARD A C-130 AIRCRAFT (#60-0297) ON AN EVACUATION MISSION FROM THE KHAM DUC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP. THE AIRCRAFT REPORTED RECEIVING GROUND FIRE ON TAKEOFF. THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) IN THE AREA REPORTED THAT THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED IN MID-AIR AND CRASHED IN A FIREBALL (VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) ZC 031 110). APPARENTLY, ALL PASSENGERS AND THE CREW PERISHED. (REF 1 & 2)

WAS NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY U.S. PERSONNEL AS BEING ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT. HE WAS LAST SEEN NEAR THE AIRCRAFT HELPING THE CIVILIANS TO BOARD; HOWEVER, A VIETNAMESE STATED THAT HE HAD SEEN NAME BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND LATER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED HIM FROM A PHOTOGRAPH. NO RESCUE EFFORT WAS ATTEMPTED BECAUSE OF HOSTILE FORCES IN THE AREA. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE BURNED QUICKLY, THEREBY PRECLUDING ANY CHANCE FOR SURVIVORS AND LITTLE CHANCE OF RECOVERING IDENTIFIABLE REMAINS. (REF 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. ALL PERSONNEL ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

30 September 1985

SOURCE OBSERVED THE WRECKAGE OF A CRASHED C-130 AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 8 KM'S NORTH OF THE KHAM DUC AIRFIELD (ZC 0008). SOURCE HEARD FROM LOCAL VILLAGERS THAT THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN 1972 WHILE EVACUATING DEPENDENTS OF ARVN MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO KHAM DUC. THIS CORRELATES TO THE LOSS OF MAJ BUCHER, SSGT HELPER, MAJ MCELROY, 1LT MORELAND, A2C LONG AND NAME (REF 4)

25 November 1986

SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF AN AMERICAN C130 AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS EVACUATING THE KHAM DUC CAMP IN MAY 1968. THIS INFORMATION PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1170 INCIDENT. (REF 5)

CASE: 1170

21 November 1986

SOURCE PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA PERTAINING TO MAJ MCELROY. (REF 6)

8 August 1986

SOURCE PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ON A2C LONG. (REF 7)

14 February 1989

SOURCE PROVIDED I.D. MEDIA DATA CONSISTING OF THE NAME 'STEPHEN C. MORELAND' WHICH PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1170-0-04. (REF 8)

=== REFERENCES ===

30 September 1985

REFERENCES: <1> MSG , 377TH CSG, 131900Z MAY 68. <2> MSG , 467TH CSG, 122106Z MAY 68. <3> RPT , HQ USARV, 14 JUL 68. <4> REFCON , HK85-131, 21 JAN 1985. <5> REFCON I86-026, 24 SEP 86. <6> REFCON , T86-460, MSG 071100Z NOV 86. <7> REFCON , RP86-087, MSG 031722Z JUL 86. <8> REFCON , T88-515, 03 OCT 88. <9> ID STATUS--REMAINS FROM SRV, CILHI, 132115Z JUN 91. <10> 010540Z JUN 93 CJTFFA DET ONE. <11> JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT CONCERNING CASE 1170, 161015Z OCT 91.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

19 April 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR 1170 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE FOLLOWING THE 5-6 APR 93 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

28 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: BERNARD L. BUCHER 1170-0-01, FRANK M. HEPLER 1170-0-02, JOHN L. MCELROY 1170-0-03, STEPHEN C. MORELAND 1170-0-04, NAME DATA , AND GEORGE W. LONG 1170-0-06.

CASE: 1170 === MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

9 September 1975

CHANGE UTM TO ZC031 110 AND PRV TO 04 BASED ON 377 CSG TSN MSG 131900Z MAY 68.

22 June 1993

CHANGE INCIDENT LOCATION UTM 48PZC031110 TO 48PZC035092 AND LAT/LONG 152734N/1074929E TO 152638N/1074945E. (REF 10)

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

22 June 1993

BETWEEN 4 AND 6 MAY 93, A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES HAVING INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1170. THESE WITNESSES TURNED OVER IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ASSOCIATED WITH FIVE AMERICANS. TWO OF THESE WITNESSES PROVIDED PARTIAL REMAINS AND THE TEAM ALSO EXCAVATED THREE HOLES AND RECOVERED PARTIAL REMAINS, PROBABLY NOT AMERICAN, FROM ALL THREE HOLES. THIS SITE WAS CLOSED ON 5 MAY 93 BY USACILH REPRESENTATIVES. A SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AT THE CRASH SITE. (REF 10)

10 August 1993

DURING THE 14TH ITERATION IN JULY AND AUGUST 1991, A JOINT U.S./VIETNAMESE INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INTERVIEWED AN INDIVIDUAL AT THANH MY TOWN, GRID COORDINATE ZC030440, GIANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM DA NANG PROVINCE, WHO HAD ALLEGED INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS CASE. HE SAID THAT IN 1981 OR 1982 HE WENT TO THE CRASH SITE OF A C-130 AIRCRAFT, WHICH WAS LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE FORMER KHAM DUC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP AIRFIELD, GRID COORDINATE ZC005081. HE SAID ONLY THE ENGINES REMAIN AND THE WRECKAGE WAS BADLY BURNED. HE SAID HE LATER RETURNED TO THE SITE, BUT NOTHING WAS THERE. HE DID NOT FIND ANY REMAINS AT THE SITE; HOWEVER, HE HEARD FROM LOCALS THAT AFTER THE WAR THE VILLAGERS VISITED THE SITE LOOKING FOR JEWELRY FROM THE VIETNAMESE WIVES WHO PERISHED IN THE CRASH, AND THEY HAD OBSERVED "HUNDREDS OF REMAINS". (REF 11)

=== REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

1 July 1991

16 JAN 91 REPATRIATION OF REMAINS OF "MORELAND, STEPHEN C." WERE DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN ASIAN MONGOLOID. NO REMAINS WERE RECEIVED IN THIS REPATRIATION THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS MORELAND. (CILHI 0016-91) (REF 9)

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Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly):
Mission District: PHUOC SON
Mission Date: 12 May 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Apr 93
Investigations: Apr 93
Surveys: Apr 93
Site Identified: Apr 93
Additional Information Obtained: Jul 91
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: C130B	Serial: 297
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T567A
Call Sign: TERRY 603	1 Serial: 102965
Year: 60	2 Serial: 104007

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 NOVEMBER 1993

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1170-0-06 (ACCNO 6629) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: LONG, GEORGE WENDELL Date Status assigned: 16 May 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	016956169	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	30 Sep 1948	Weight	155 lb / 70.2 kg	Duty pos	LOADMASTR
Home State	KANSAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	S

SITE INFORMATION

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48PZC035092
Lat/Long: 152638N / 1074945E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly):
Mission District: PHUOC SON
Mission Date: 12 May 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

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CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS

28 August 1975

ON 12 MAY 1968 MAJ BERNARD L. BUCHER, PILOT, SSGT FRANK M. HELPER, FLIGHT ENGINEER, MAJ JOHN L. MCELROY, NAVIGATOR, 1LT STEPHEN C. MORELAND, CO-PILOT, A2C GEORGE W. LONG, LOADMASTER, CAPT WARREN R. ORR, PASSENGER, AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS WERE ABOARD A C-130 AIRCRAFT (#60-0297) ON AN EVACUATION MISSION FROM THE KHAM DUC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP. THE AIRCRAFT REPORTED RECEIVING GROUND FIRE ON TAKEOFF. THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) IN THE AREA REPORTED THAT THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED IN MID-AIR AND CRASHED IN A FIREBALL (VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) ZC 031 110). APPARENTLY, ALL PASSENGERS AND THE CREW PERISHED. (REF 1 & 2)

CAPT ORR WAS NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY U.S. PERSONNEL AS BEING ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT. HE WAS LAST SEEN NEAR THE AIRCRAFT HELPING THE CIVILIANS TO BOARD; HOWEVER, A VIETNAMESE STATED THAT HE HAD SEEN CAPT ORR BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND LATER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED HIM FROM A PHOTOGRAPH. NO RESCUE EFFORT WAS ATTEMPTED BECAUSE OF HOSTILE FORCES IN THE AREA. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE BURNED QUICKLY, THEREBY PRECLUDING ANY CHANCE FOR SURVIVORS AND LITTLE CHANCE OF RECOVERING IDENTIFIABLE REMAINS. (REF 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. ALL PERSONNEL ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION

30 September 1985

SOURCE OBSERVED THE WRECKAGE OF A CRASHED C-130 AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 8 KM'S NORTH OF THE KHAM DUC AIRFIELD (ZC 0008). SOURCE HEARD FROM LOCAL VILLAGERS THAT THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN 1972 WHILE EVACUATING DEPENDENTS OF ARVN MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO KHAM DUC. THIS CORRELATES TO THE LOSS OF MAJ BUCHER, SSGT HELPER, MAJ MCELROY, 1LT MORELAND, A2C LONG AND CAPT ORR. (REF 4)

25 November 1986

SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF AN AMERICAN C130 AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS EVACUATING THE KHAM DUC CAMP IN MAY 1968. THIS INFORMATION PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1170 INCIDENT. (REF 5)

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21 November 1986

SOURCE PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA PERTAINING TO MAJ MCELROY.
(REF 6)

8 August 1986

SOURCE PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ON A2C LONG. (REF 7)

14 February 1989

SOURCE PROVIDED I.D. MEDIA DATA CONSISTING OF THE NAME 'STEPHEN C.
MORELAND' WHICH PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1170-0-04. (REF 8)

=== REFERENCES ===

30 September 1985

REFERENCES: <1> MSG , 377TH CSG, 131900Z MAY 68. <2> MSG (U), 467TH
CSG, 122106Z MAY 68. <3> RPT , HQ USARV, 14 JUL 68. <4> REFCN ,
85-131, 21 JAN 1985. <5> REFCN 86-026, 24 SEP 86. <6> REFCN ,
86-460, MSG 071100Z NOV 86. <7> REFCN , 86-087, MSG 031722Z JUL 86.
<8> REFCN , 88-515, 03 OCT 88. <9> ID STATUS--REMAINS FROM SRV,
CILHI, 132115Z JUN 91. <10> 010540Z JUN 93 CJTFFA DET ONE. <11> JCRC
LIAISON BANGKOK, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT CONCERNING CASE 1170,
161015Z OCT 91. <12> CDR JTF-FA/J2 281802Z OCT 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

19 April 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR 1170 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE FOLLOWING THE 5-6
APR 93 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

28 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: BERNARD L. BUCHER 1170-0-01, FRANK M. HEPLER
1170-0-02, JOHN L. MCELROY 1170-0-03, STEPHEN C. MORELAND 1170-0-04,
WARREN R. ORR 1170-0-05, AND GEORGE W. LONG 1170-0-06.

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=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

9 September 1975

CHANGE UTM TO ZC031 110 AND PRV TO 04 BASED ON 377 CSG TSN MSG 131900Z
MAY 68.

22 June 1993

CHANGE INCIDENT LOCATION UTM 48PZC031110 TO 48PZC035092 AND LAT/LONG
152734N/1074929E TO 152638N/1074945E. (REF 10)

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

22 June 1993

BETWEEN 4 AND 6 MAY 93, A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES, HAVING
INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1170. THESE WITNESSES TURNED OVER
IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ASSOCIATED WITH FIVE AMERICANS. TWO OF THESE
WITNESSES PROVIDED PARTIAL REMAINS AND THE TEAM ALSO EXCAVATED THREE HOLES
AND RECOVERED PARTIAL REMAINS, PROBABLY NOT AMERICAN, FROM ALL THREE
HOLES. THIS SITE WAS CLOSED ON 5 MAY 93 BY USACILH REPRESENTATIVES. A
SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AT THE CRASH SITE. (REF 10)

10 August 1993

DURING THE 14TH ITERATION IN JULY AND AUGUST 1991, A JOINT U.S./VIETNAMESE
INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INTERVIEWED AN INDIVIDUAL AT THANH MY
TOWN, GRID COORDINATE ZC030440, GIANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM DA NANG
PROVINCE, WHO HAD ALLEGED INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS CASE. HE SAID THAT
IN 1981 OR 1982 HE WENT TO THE CRASH SITE OF A C-130 AIRCRAFT, WHICH WAS
LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE FORMER KHAM DUC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP AIRFIELD,
GRID COORDINATE ZC005081. HE SAID ONLY THE ENGINES REMAIN AND THE WRECKAGE
WAS BADLY BURNED. HE SAID HE LATER RETURNED TO THE SITE, BUT NOTHING WAS
THERE. HE DID NOT FIND ANY REMAINS AT THE SITE; HOWEVER, HE HEARD FROM
LOCALS THAT AFTER THE WAR THE VILLAGERS VISITED THE SITE LOOKING FOR
JEWELRY FROM THE VIETNAMESE WIVES WHO PERISHED IN THE CRASH, AND THEY HAD
OBSERVED "HUNDREDS OF REMAINS". (REF 11)

8 November 1993

DURING THE 23RD JFA, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED A CRASH SITE AT GRID
COORDINATES 48PZC03570929. PART NUMBERS IDENTIFIED THE CRASH SITE TO A
C-130. (REF 12)

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=== REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

1 July 1991

16 JAN 91 REPATRIATION OF REMAINS OF "MORELAND, STEPHEN C." WERE DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN ASIAN MONGOLOID. NO REMAINS WERE RECEIVED IN THIS REPATRIATION THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS MORELAND. (CILHI 0016-91) (REF 9)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 21 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1171-0-01 (ACCNO 0044)
Name: COEN, HARRY BOB

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 10 Oct 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	E4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	17750824	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	22 Sep 1948	Weight	178 lb / 80.6 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	WYOMING	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48PZC005090
Lat/Long: 152630N / 1074801E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly):
Mission District: PHUOC SON
Mission Date: 12 May 1968 1500L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, Apr 93
Investigations: Apr 93, Aug 93
Surveys: Apr 93, Aug 93
Excavations: Apr 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

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